

31 July 1946

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In the reorganization of the Central Intelligence Group, it appears desirable that the Assistant Director for Research and Evaluation be a representative of the State Department. The efficient organization and functioning of that office requires that it be headed by an individual who combines a high degree of experience in intelligence research and evaluation with recognized ability as an executive and administrator. I know you will feel it extremely important that he have the fullest confidence of your office.

It is therefore respectfully requested that you nominate, for our consideration, one or more individuals of the State Department who you feel could properly fill the position of Assistant Director for Research and Evaluation in this organization. It is intended to fill the position on an acting basis for a period of approximately three months in order that both your office and mine may determine the suitability of the individual concerned for permanent assignment.

Your early consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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